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Method for the Use of Hydrophobic Bleaching Systems in Textile Preparation

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of claims 1-33 in view of the following remarks.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Official Action dated March 28, 2003 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, it is believed that the following remarks are sufficient to demonstrate the patentability of claims 1-33 and place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 18-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by each of the Willey et al published PCT application WO 94/28106, the Showell et al U.S. Patent No. 5,419,847, the Francis et al U.S. Patent No. 5,106,528, and the Thompson et al U.S. Patent No. 4,483,778. Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as